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the term “parents” includes mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, mother through adoption, father through adoption, and foster parents who stood in loco parentis. Request for replacement of the Gold Star Lapel Button (lost, destroyed or unserviceable) will be submitted on DD Form 3 (Application for Gold Star Lapel Button) to NPRC (see §578.16 (a)(3)).

(3) Each casualty area commander and major overseas commander will stock Gold Star Lapel Buttons and ensure that survivor assistance officers are provided them for issue to eligible next of kin. Normally, delivery should not be made prior to the first visit to the next of kin following interment.

(1) *Lapel Button for Next of Kin of Deceased Personnel.* The Lapel Button, Next of Kin of Deceased Personnel is provided to widows(ers), parents, and primary next of kin of armed services members who lose their lives while serving on active duty or while assigned in an Army Reserve or Army National Guard unit in a drill status.

(1) The button consists of a gold star within a circle (commemorating honorable service) surrounded by sprigs of oak (referring to the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps).

(2) One lapel button will be furnished without cost to the widow or widower, to each of the parents, each child, stepchild, child through adoption, brother, half brother, sister, and half sister of a member of the Armed Forces who lost his or her life while on active duty. The term widow or widower includes those who have since remarried, and the term parents includes mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, mother through adoption, father through adoption, and foster parents who stood in place of a parent.

(3) Casualty area commands will stock the button and ensure that survivor assistance officers issue them to eligible next of kin.

(4) The Lapel Button, Next of Kin of Deceased Personnel is authorized for issue retroactive to March 29, 1973. The next of kin of soldiers who died since that date may request issue of the button by writing to the NPRC (see §578.16(a)(3)). Furnish the name, grade, SSN, and date of death of the deceased

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soldier. The names and relationships of the next of kin must also be provided.

(m) *Army Superior Unit Award Lapel Pin.* The Army Superior Unit Award Lapel Pin is authorized for issue and wear by DA civilians in the employ of a unit awarded the Army Superior Unit Award. The lapel pin is also authorized for optional purchase and wear on civilian clothing by qualified military personnel.

§578.64 Miniature decorations.

(a) *Decorations.* Miniature replicas of all medals except the Medal of Honor and the Legion of Merit in the Degrees of Chief Commander and Commander are authorized for wear on certain uniforms instead of the issued medals. Miniatures of decorations are issued only to foreign nationals and with the award of the Distinguished Service Medal to U.S. personnel.

(b) *Miniature badges.* Replicas of combat and special skill badges in miniature size are authorized for wear on certain uniforms instead of the full-size badges.

§578.65 Supply, service, and requisition of medals and badges.

(a) Medals and appurtenances listed are issued by DA:

- (1) Decorations;
- (2) Service medals;
- (3) Service ribbons;
- (4) Palms;
- (5) Rosettes;
- (6) Clasps;
- (7) Arrowheads;
- (8) Service stars;
- (9) French Fourragere;
- (10) Netherlands Orange Lanyard;
- (11) Army Good Conduct Medals;
- (12) Oak Leaf Cluster;
- (13) Numerals;
- (14) Letter “V” devices;
- (15) Certificate for decorations;
- (16) Lapel buttons for decorations;
- (17) Miscellaneous lapel buttons listed in Lapel buttons for badges and Lapel buttons for service;
- (18) Ten-year devices;
- (19) Berlin Airlift devices;
- (20) Containers for decorations;
- (21) Miniature decorations to foreign military personnel;
- (22) Letter “V” Device;
- (23) Letter “M” Device;

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(b) Badges and appurtenances listed below are issued by Department of the Army:

- (1) Combat and special skill badges;
- (2) Basic Marksmanship Designation Badges;
- (3) Distinguished marksmanship designation badges;
- (4) Excellence in competition badges;
- (5) Basic marksmanship qualification badges and bars;
- (6) Army Staff Identification Badge;
- (7) The Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Identification Badge (an item of organizational equipment);
- (8) Army ROTC Nurse Cadet Program Identification Badge;
- (9) Drill Sergeant Identification Badge;
- (10) U.S. Army Recruiter Identification Badge;
- (11) Career Counselor Badge;
- (12) Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Identification Badge;
- (13) U.S. Army Reserve Recruiter Identification Badge.

§ 578.66 Original issue or replacement.

(a) *General.* All U.S. Army medals are presented without cost to an awardee. Replacement of medals or service ribbons for individuals not on active duty may be made at cost price. Requests will be honored from the original recipient of the award, or if deceased, from his or her primary next of kin in the following order: surviving spouse, eldest surviving child, father or mother, eldest surviving brother or sister, or eldest surviving grandchild.

(b) Issue or replacement of service medals and service ribbons antedating the World War I Victory Medal is no longer accomplished. These awards are not available from the supply system, but may be purchased from private dealers in military insignia.

(c) No money should be mailed until instructions are received by NPRC. Requests for medals should be directed to the following addresses as shown below.

(1)(i) Request for: Personnel in active Federal military service or in the Army National Guard or U.S. Army Reserve.

(ii) Submit to: Unit Commander.

(2)(i) Request for: Medals on behalf of individuals having no current U.S.

Army status or deceased prior to October 1, 2002.

(ii) Submit to: National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100.

(3)(i) Request for: Medals for individuals who retired, were discharged or died (except general officers) after October 1, 2002.

(ii) Submit to: Commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, ATTN: AHRC-CC-B, 1 Reserve Way, St. Louis, MO 63132-5200.

(4)(i) Request for: Personnel receiving retired pay, except general officers.

(ii) Submit to: National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100.

(5)(i) Request for: Retired general officers.

(ii) Submit to: Commander, USA HRC, ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0471.

(d) *Issue of medals, other than Army.* Medals and appurtenances awarded while in active Federal service in one of the other U.S. military Services will be issued on individual request to appropriate Service as shown below.

(1)(i) Request for: Navy awards.

(ii) Submit to: Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Awards, Code: 09B33, 2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350-2000.

(2)(i) Request for: Air Force awards.

(ii) Submit to: Commander, U.S. Air Force Personnel Center/DPPPRA, 550 C Street West, Suite 12, Randolph Air Force Base, TX 78150-6001.

(3)(i) Request for: Marine Corps awards.

(ii) Submit to: Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Code: MMMA, 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5103.

(4)(i) Request for: Coast Guard awards.

(ii) Submit to: Commandant, United States Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street, SW., ATTN: G-PS-5/TP41, Washington, DC 20593-0001.

§ 578.67 Manufacture, sale, and illegal possession.

Sections 507.1 to 507.8 of this chapter prescribe:

(a) Restrictions on manufacture and sale of service medals and appurtenance by civilians.